



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 3; October 6, 2021 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

Harold Alexander, Vice Chair
Josh Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
Anna Amoriello, Member
Ray Briggs, Member

Others Present:

Gary Cox, Soil & Water Technician
Leslie Bell, Director Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator
Jimmy Holt, NC Forest Service

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Harold Alexander in the absence of George Teague, at 9:10 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. Harold read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

(Former Supervisor Ray Briggs, nominated to fill Antoinette Weaver's unexpired term, was approved by the Soil & Water Commission on Sept. 22, 2021, and was sworn in prior to the meeting by Notary Public Millie Langley.)

Agenda

Josh Myers moved to approve the agenda as presented; Ray Briggs seconded and the motion was approved.

Minutes

Harold asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Anna moved to approve the September minutes. Josh seconded. The motion was approved.

Guilford Scholarship Report

Millie reported that the district had received a letter from the NC State University Ag Foundation concerning the district's Scholarship and this year's recipient.

Comments From The County

Leslie mentioned that mandatory, weekly testing for unvaccinated employees would begin soon. He is working with HR for the upcoming interviews for the vacant Education Coordinator, possibly next week. There was additional discussion on the potential salary. Leslie mentioned that the staffing/salary study had been completed and may help raise the salary for a more experienced candidate. Anna and Josh will help staff with the interviews.

NRCS:

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. They are working on EQIP applications and finishing up contracts to close out the 2021 Fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30. Also, finally the NRCS fully signed MOU was returned to the District! Millie will see that the county gets the final copy for their records.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Programs Update for October. He presented one ACSP Request for Payment for approval for Richard Rumley, 41-2021-012 for \$1,350. *Anna moved to approve the Request for Payment and Josh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

He also reported that he was submitting the two remaining, leftover CCAP applications for regional funding. It is not expected that they will be funded due to the ranking parameters, and competition with many other applications in the region. We want to try one last time to submit these for funding.

Gary reported that two new VAD/EVAD applications had been approved; EVAD application #2021-05, Gerald W and Kimberly Rayle, Gerald W. Rayle Jr. of Pleasant Garden, for 28.44 acres; VAD application #2021-06, Randy, Betty and Vickie Gerring of Gibsonville, for 67.60 acres; totals are now:

- Totals (VAD and EVAD): 421 parcels for 18,547.44 acres
- Total VAD: 378 parcels 16,781.76 acres; Total EVAD: 43 parcels 1,765.68 acres

District Operations

Millie reviewed the budget reports with the board. The foundation account had some income this month from the No-Till Drill rental and birdhouse sales. She reported that she, Jamey and George Teague had attended the Soil & Water Conservation Commission meeting in Franklin, NC to support the Stoney Creek buffer Variance request, which was approved. Ray was also re-appointed as district supervisor at that meeting. Welcome back Ray!

Millie reported that the State RC&D is set to receive funding from state budget if approved in the next few weeks. Hopefully this will re-invigorate RC&D councils state wide, including our own, Piedmont Conservation Council. She attended the Southeast Association of RC&D Councils in Georgia this past week.

Gary reported the OELC for Southeast Middle School was close to being completed. Several things are still needed, including gravel and installing pavers for the walkway. Additional funding to complete these last few things may be needed in the amount of approx. \$500. *Josh moved to use up to \$500 for completing this project from the Foundation Account. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*

Millie mentioned that the Area 3 meeting will be on October 28th in Person County at the Tunnel Creek Vineyard. All supervisors and the staff are planning to attend.

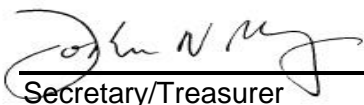
New Business:

Ralston reported that the Annual meeting is still planned to be in person as well at the Sheraton Imperial RTP, Jan. 9-11, 2022. He also mentioned that the Soil & Water Conservation booth at the NC State Fair (Oct. 14 – 24) still needs volunteers.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.


Secretary/Treasurer
